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Public Act No. 05-143

**AN ACT CONCERNING ASSISTANCE FOR DEFENSE
MANUFACTURERS' SUPPLIERS AND THE UNITED STATES
NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE-NEW LONDON LOCATED IN GROTON.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 32-235 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

(b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department of Economic and Community Development for the purposes of sections 32-220 to 32-234, inclusive, including economic cluster-related programs and activities, and for the Connecticut job training finance demonstration program pursuant to sections 32-23uu and 32-23vv provided, (1) three million dollars shall be used by said department solely for the purposes of section 32-23uu and not more than five million two hundred fifty thousand dollars of the amount stated in said subsection (a) may be used by said department for the purposes of section 31-3u, (2) not less than one million dollars shall be used for an educational technology grant to the deployment center program and the nonprofit business consortium deployment center approved pursuant to section 32-41l, (3) not less than two million

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dollars shall be used by said department for the establishment of a pilot program to make grants to businesses in designated areas of the state for construction, renovation or improvement of small manufacturing facilities provided such grants are matched by the business, a municipality or another financing entity. The commissioner shall designate areas of the state where manufacturing is a substantial part of the local economy and shall make grants under such pilot program which are likely to produce a significant economic development benefit for the designated area, [and] (4) five million dollars may be used by said department for the manufacturing competitiveness grants program, (5) one million dollars shall be used by said department for the purpose of a grant to the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, for the purposes of section 2 of this act, and (6) ten million dollars shall be used by said department for the purpose of grants to the United States Navy or eligible applicants for projects related to the enhancement of infrastructure for long-term, on-going naval operations at the United States Naval Submarine Base-New London, located in Groton, which will increase the military value of said base.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology shall establish a center for supply chain integration to assist at risk small and medium-sized manufacturers in the state that are suppliers for defense manufacturers, to adopt the digital technology and business practices needed to fully participate in the next generation defense supply base. The center shall provide technical and business assistance and training to help such suppliers (1) adopt the state-of-the-market digital manufacturing and information technologies and best business practices and techniques, and (2) eliminate waste caused by poor information flow and counterproductive business practices across multiple buyer and supplier relationships. The center shall work with other state and national resources to help suppliers that are transitioning from a

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commodity-oriented business model into a value added technology-based model of component and service integration. The center shall carry out the purposes of this section by providing training, on-site assistance and facilities and equipment for suppliers.

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